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A. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA HAS NOT ESTABLISHED A NARCOTIC
ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT UNITS. IT IS FELT
THAT THE INSPECTORS AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS ARE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT
INVESTIGATIVE EDUCATION WHICH WILL BE PERTINENT TO NARCOTIC
TYPE INVESTIGATIONS.

B. THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE IS A NATIONAL POLICE AND
HAS SEVERAL POLICE TRAINING CENTERS WHICH PROVIDE INSERVICE
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.
THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS HAS A WELL ESTABLISHED TRAINING CENTER
LOCATED IN MALACCA, MALAYSIA. EACH UNIT IS QUITE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING
BASIC NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION.

C. THE MALAYSIAN NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT UNITS ARE STAFFED BY COMPETENT
WELL EDUCATED OFFICERS WHO POSSESS SEVERAL YEARS OF CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE.

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D. THERE IS NO NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAM IN EFFECT AT THIS

TIME.

E. DEA (BNDD) AND U S CUSTOMS HAVE BOTH PROVIDED IN-COUNTRY NARCOTIC TRAINING FOR THE MALAYSIAN ENFORCEMENT UNITS. THE MALAYSIAN NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT UNITS HAVE ALSO UTILIZED TRAINING QUOTAS FOR MANAGEMENT LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT BY DEA AND CUSTOMS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

AT PRESENT, US SPONSORED INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT POLICY COURSES ARE VIEWED AS BENEFICAL AND OF PRIMARY INTEREST FOR UTILIZATION IN THE MALAYSIAN NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAM. THE MALAYSIAN POLICE HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING US CUSTOMS TRAINING IN THE SEARCH OF VEHICLES AND CARGO FOR CONTRABAND.

F. THERE HAS NO ASSESSABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEA TRAINING RECEIVED AND SEIZURES, ARREST ETC.

G. THE MALAYSIAN ENFORCEMENT UNITS ARE ANXIOUS TO UTILIZE DEA/ CUSTOMS TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTORS AND MANAGEMENT POLICY PERSONNEL, BUT VIEW DEA/CUSTOMS BASIC NARCOTIC TRAINING AS NOT BEING OF VALUE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS.

H. THE MALAYSIAN NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT UNITS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THEIR OWN BASIC TRAINING, BUT COULD UTILIZE INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN THE U.S.

I. THE MALAYSIAN ENFORCEMENT UNITS ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH INSTITUTING A REGIONAL NARCOTIC TRAINING CENTER.
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